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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	09/783,775	WANKMUELLER, JOHN	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Dan Kesack	3691	

**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --**

**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 February 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 8 and 10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 8, 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
     Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
     Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                     | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____                                      |
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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. Amendment filed February 20, 2007 has been entered and fully considered.

Claims 1-6, 8, and 10 are currently pending. The rejections are as stated below.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

2. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

3. Claims 1-6, 8, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claims contain subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Specifically, independent claims 1, 3, 6, and 8 recite "a non-chip card issued by an issuer institution having legacy infrastructure supporting only non-chip card transactions." The specification does not appear to contain a description of an issuer institution issuing a non-chip card, nor does it describe the legacy infrastructure of an issuer institution. Claims 2, 4, 5, and 10 are rejected for depending from said independent claims.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1 and 3 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Paltenghe, U.S. Patent No. 2002/0004783, as described in the previous Office Action. Examiner notes that the newly added claim language, in addition to failing the written description requirement, as detailed above, is not functional recitation and does not further limit Applicant's invention.

Claim 1 is directed towards a method for conducting a transaction, and includes a step of "conducting a transaction... so that the transaction is accomplished for the payment card irrespective of whether it is a chip card... or non-chip card."

Accomplishing the transaction "irrespective" of certain conditions is regarded as a negative limitation, in that it attempts to limit the invention by describing what the invention is not. The claim language is interpreted as describing that the transaction is not dependant on the payment card or the infrastructure of the issuer institution.

Negative limitations are generally not given weight for patentability over the prior art.

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Claim 3 is directed towards a remote wallet server, said remote wallet server including a "means for conducting a transaction" wherein the transaction is "conducted in a format compliant with a chip card electronic commerce protocol or specification." However, the claim language further recites "so that the transaction is accomplished for the payment card seamlessly respective of whether the payment card is a chip card... or a non-chip card..." This recitation does not limit the claimed "remote wallet server". This description of how the transaction is accomplished is regarded as intended use recitation of how the remote wallet server is to be used, and is not given weight for patentability of the prior art. Therefore, at least the communication interface, as described by Paltenghe (paragraph 45), is considered a "means for conducting a transaction between the remote wallet server and the merchant computer".

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

6. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

7. Claims 2, 4-6, 8, 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Paltenghe in view of Chaum, U.S. Patent No. 6,434,238, as cited in the previous Office Action. Regarding the newly added claim language, see the rationale set forth above, regarding independent claims 1 and 3.

***Response to Arguments***

8. Applicant's arguments filed February 20, 2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. In applicant's argument against the prior art rejections, applicant refers to an earlier Reply mailed August 28, 2006. Examiner responded to Applicant's August 28, 2006 remarks in an Office Action mailed November 17, 2006. Furthermore, Examiner has set forth, above, the reasons why the newly added limitations do not render the claims patentable over the prior art. Therefore, Examiner respectfully submits that no further response to arguments is required.

***Conclusion***

9. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

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the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dan Kesack whose telephone number is 571-272-5882. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alexander Kalinowski can be reached on 571-272-6771. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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